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April 25, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2006
First Floor Conference Room
Senior Center
5:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos (Chair) and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Public Health, Denise Boucher, Health Inspector Patsy Kraemer, Director of Human Services, Mary Ann Jacobs, Department Secretary

- I. The January 24, 2006 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- II. The March 7, 2006 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- III. **VARIANCE REQUEST: Mr. Muraki, Toraya Restaurant**
Toraya requested a variance to use acidification as a method to render sushi rice non-potentially hazardous. They have submitted a HACCP plan as required. Maureen Lee was in the restaurant recently and the Sushi chef was able to demonstrate the correct procedure. Ms. Boucher recommends granting the variance, which can be revoked or suspended at any point if proper procedures are not being followed.
Variance granted.
- IV. **HEARING REQUEST: Mr. Bob Sargent, Flora Restaurant**
Currently, there is no hand-washing sink in the dishwashing area. Mr. Sargent was concerned with the expense of installing this sink, especially after having renovated the dishwashing area several years ago. Mr. Sargent was asked to submit to BOH the procedure to be used without a hand-washing sink. His reply, received today, states that he would have one person loading the dirty dishes, and one person removing the clean dishes from the dishwasher during busy times. On slower days, one person would load the dishes and let them air dry. This same person would wash and sanitize the pots and pans, thereby, sanitizing his hands. This person would then remove the clean dishes from the dishwashing machine. Mr. Sargent arrived at the meeting during this discussion and reassured the Board that this procedure would be followed at all times.
Variance granted.
- V. **VARIANCE REQUEST: Mr. Bedros Kaya, Steve's House of Pizza**
Mr. Kaya was concerned about recent items noted on his inspection report. Mr. Kaya has requested that he be allowed to store his water cooler in front of the mop sink as the mop sink is only used at night. He has also requested that he not be required to finish the ceiling of the small basement area he uses to store canned goods and bottles. Mr. Kaya also asks that he be allowed to continue to use the 2-bay sink and dish machine in his establishment and not be required to install a 3-bay sink. Ms. Boucher recommends allowing the variance with the understanding it will be revoked if certain procedures are not adhered to.
Variance granted.
- VI. **HEARING REQUEST: Arlington Restaurant and Diner**
The owners have requested a postponement, as they were unable to appear tonight. They are questioning the poor inspection report and re-inspection fee received recently.
- VII. **PRESENTATION: Brian Anderson, High Rock Church**
Brian Anderson did not appear for the meeting. Patsy Kraemer voiced concern of High Rock's offer for a "health clinic" to residents, and feels an inspection of the facility is necessary to ensure that certain standards are met to conduct such a clinic.

VIII. REPORT: Pandemic Flu Tabletop Exercise

Board members received a copy of the State Dept of Public Health's newest bird flu information and a summary of laws that cover local Boards. Dr. Allen and Mr. Leonardos were able to attend the Tabletop Exercise. It was noted that the exercise brought several Town departments together to begin the discussion what Town operations would be affected and how the Town would continue to operate if a pandemic were to occur. It was interesting to see how the different departments interacted and worked well together but also how the different departments have further work to do in many areas. The exercise covered many issues and brought to light areas for future planning. Ms. Connolly also announced that the BOH will offer the Incident Command Structure (ICS) training, a system that has been put in place by President Bush. Every Health Dept, Fire Dept and Police Dept are required to train their staff and board members in ICS and anyone else who will be responsible in the event of an emergency. Training will be scheduled in the future with Kevin Kelley, the training officer for the Fire Dept.

IX. Restaurant Updates: As previously reported, Scutra Restaurant is adding on to their building in order to enlarge their dining area. An invitation was received from Sweet Sue's, 795 Mass Ave for a "pre-opening" evening on Saturday, 4/29/06, she has done extensive work renovating and we wish her the best. Junior's Variety, 203 Broadway, will be submitting a plan to the BOH to expand his convenience store to include a deli area. Panda Café has opened, and on the opening inspection Ms. Boucher was impressed with the quality of the refinishing of the basement area.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in the Senior Center.

Adjournment.